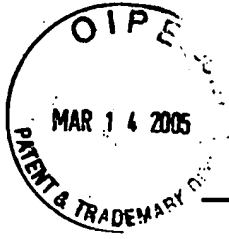


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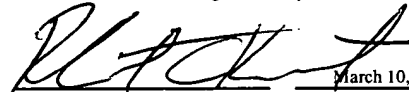
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of December 15, 2004, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.